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SUBJ: RHODESIA: PRESIDENT KAUNDA SPEAKS OUT ON INTERNAL
SETTLEMENT

1. IN AN INTERVIEW CARRIED ON LOCAL TV EVENING MARCH 4,
PRESIDENT KAUNDA FOR THE FIRST TIME PUBLICLY CONDEMNED
THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. KAUNDA SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN
NO AGREEMENT ON MAJORITY RULE IN SALISBURY. THE REAL
POWER IN RHODESIA--POLICE, ARMS, ADMINISTRATION--REMAINED
IN SMITH'S HANDS UNDER THE ACCORD WHICH WAS WORSE THAN THE
KISSINGER PLAN. "IT GIVES SMITH EVERYTHING ON A SILVER
PLATTER. I CAN SEE SMITH TELLING HIS FELLOW WHITE SETTLERS,
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DON'T WORRY WE HAVE THE DEAL OF A LIFETIME." THE AGREEMENT
ENTRENCHED SMITH IN POWER EVEN MORE THAN HE HAD BEEN BEFORE.
"IT IS AN AGREEMENT WHICH IS GOING TO GIVE SMITH A CHANCE
IN EFFECT TO DECLARE A SECOND UDI NEXT NOVEMBER."

3. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, KAUNDA SAID THAT HE COULD
NOT PERSUADE THE PATRIOTIC FRONT TO TALK TO THE SALISBURY

BASED NATIONALIST LEADERS. "IT WOULD BE SINFUL FOR ME TO DO THAT. THIS IS A MATTER WHICH ONLY MR. NKOMO AND MR. MUGABE MUST TAKE FINAL RESPONSIBILITY." ZAMBIA WILL NOT FORESAKE THE PF DESPITE THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT ACCORD.

3. THE PRESIDENT DENIED HE HAD RECEIVED A SPECIAL EMISSARY FROM OWEN TO PLEAD FOR NKOMO'S RETURN TO RHODESIA OR FOR ANY OTHER REASON. THE LAST TIME HE HAD TALKED TO A BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE WAS THREE WEEKS AGO WHEN HE MET WITH THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER AND AMERICAN AMBASSADOR. THEN HE HAD WARNED BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES OF THE DANGERS INHERENT IN AN INTERNAL SETTLEMENT. IF THE ROOT CAUSES OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE WERE NOT REMOVED, THE WHOLE OF SOUTHERN AFRICA WOULD DRIFT INTO AN IDEOLOGICAL AND RACIAL CONFLAGRATION. WHAT HE HAD WARNED AGAINST IS NOW TAKING PLACE. THE WEST IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE "SHAM SETTLEMENT" BY ITS INACTION ON THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS, AND SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF IT IS ACCUSED OF "HARBORING RACIALISM."

4. ASKED IF THE LIBERATION WAR WOULD CONTINUE, PRESIDENT KAUNDA REPLIED, "I AM AFRAID SO. WHAT CHOICE HAVE WE?" THE PRESIDENT SAID HE COULD NOT RULE OUT INVOLVEMENT BY OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE CONFLICT. THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND FRONTLINE STATES RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CALL ON ANY OF THEIR FRIENDS FOR HELP. IF ATTACKED BY RHODESIAN FORCES, ZAMBIA WOULD CALL ON THE UK, US AND WESTERN POWERS, EXCEPT FRANCE, UNCLASSIFIED

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BECAUSE OF ITS SOUTHERN AFRICA POSITION, AS WELL AS THE

CUBANS AND ALL THE REST OF ZAMBIA'S FRIENDS.

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